

ENCLOSURE 1

SBA SHIPYARD SUPERFUND SITE JENNINGS, JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA INFORMATION REQUEST

RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REQUEST

Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as the federal “Superfund” law, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) responds to the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment to stop additional contamination and to clean-up or otherwise address any prior contamination.

The EPA is requesting information under CERCLA Section 104(e). Section 104(e) may be found in the United States Code (U.S.C.) at Title 42 Section (section is denoted by the symbol “§”) 9604(e), 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e).

Pursuant to the authority of CERCLA Section 104(e), you are hereby requested to respond to the enclosed information request. If you have any questions concerning the Site’s history or this information request letter, please contact Mr. Kenneth Talton, the designated Enforcement Officer for the Site, at phone number (214) 665-7475, fax number (214) 665-6660 or via email at talton.chuck@epa.gov. Please mail your response within 30 calendar days of your receipt of this request to the following address:

Mr. Kenneth Talton, Enforcement Officer
Superfund Enforcement Assessment Section (6SF-TE)
U.S. EPA, Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

If you or your attorney have legal questions that pertain to this information request letter, please contact Ms. I-Jung Chiang at phone number (214) 665-2160, fax number (214) 665-6460 or via email at Chiang.I-Jung@epa.gov. For contact via mail, use the following address:

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The SBA Shipyard Superfund Site (Site) is situated on approximately 98 acres of land located in a rural-industrial area, at 9040 Castex Landing Road, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. The facility is located in south Jennings, LA and bordered to the north by residents, south and west by wetlands, and to the east by the Mermentau River. Access to the property is restricted with fencing and locked gates.

SBA Shipyards, Inc., (SBA) was incorporated in the state of Louisiana on June 2, 1965, for the purpose of construction, repair, retrofitting, cleaning of barges and other marine vessels. SBA operated a barge cleaning facility at the Site from 1965 to 1993. The facility is now inactive and abandoned.

Barges serviced at the Site typically held diesel, coal tar, crude oil, gasoline and asphalt. Wastes from the barge cleaning operations were managed in a waste management area that included four impoundments, a land treatment unit (LTU) and storage tanks. The wastes consisted of petroleum hydrocarbons which are the primary contaminants. The hydrocarbons were separated from the water into surface impoundments that were known as the Oil Pit, Water Pit 1, Water Pit 2 and Water Pit 3. Water was recycled to barge cleaning and some of the water was converted to steam for the cleaning operations.

Numerous attempts were made to bio-remediate and close the impoundments which began in 1989. In 1991 the bioremediation was determined to be unsuccessful. Land treatment of wastes continued through 1993.

On December 9, 2002, SSIC Remediation, L.L.C., (SSIC) entered into an Order and Agreement for Interim Measures/Removal Action (IM/RA) of Hazardous/Principal Threat Wastes at SBA Shipyards, Inc., pursuant to Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) Section 3008(h) with the U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Approximately 33.8 million pounds of oils, waxes and sludges, pumpable oily material and oily tank heels, 70 tons of contaminated debris and 88 tons of recyclable scrap steel were removed from the Site.

As part of the IM/RA, the Oil Pit and wastes from the storage tanks were stabilized and solidified for off-site disposal. Approximately 750,000 gallons of uncontaminated pond water were pumped from the former Water Pit to the drainage ditch that drains to the Mermentau River. The emptied Water Pit was then used to receive treated storm water from the partially buried barge. Pumpable oil materials were removed and buried which was then used to store contaminated storm water prior to treatment and discharge to the emptied Water Pit.

In September 2012, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) referred the Site to EPA for potential removal/remedial action. In May 2013, EPA conducted a Preliminary Assessment of the site and the final report which is dated June 3, 2013, confirmed the contamination of the site referenced above. On October 23 and 25, 2013, the United States Coast Guard responded to a release from an on-site buried barges.

In May 2015, the EPA initiated a removal action at the Site under the Clean Water Act, as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA). The EPA has completed the OPA removal action and a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act (CERCLA) emergency removal action (ER) at the Site. The ER addressed the immediate threat posed by a buried barge with high concentrations of PAHs and wastes. The OPA removal action is projected to be completed in October 2015.

ENCLOSURE 2

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INSTRUCTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1. Please provide a separate narrative response for each and every Question and subpart of a Question set forth in this Information Request.
2. Precede each answer with the Question (or subpart) and the number of the Question (and the letter of a subpart of a Question, if applicable) to which it corresponds.
3. If information or documents not known or not available to you as of the date of submission of a response to this Information Request should later become known or available to you, ***you must supplement*** your response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Moreover, should you find, at any time, after submission of your response, that any portion of the submitted information is false or misrepresents the truth, or, though correct when made, is no longer true, you must notify the EPA of this fact as soon as possible and provide the EPA with a corrected response.
4. For each document produced in response to this Information Request, indicate on the document, or in some other reasonable manner, the number of the Question (and the letter of a subpart of a Question, if applicable) to which it responds.
5. You may assert a business confidentiality claim covering part or all of the information which you submit in response to this request. Any such claim must be made by placing on (or attaching to) the information, at the time it is submitted to the EPA, a cover sheet or a stamped or typed legend or other suitable form of notice employing language such as "trade secret," "proprietary," or "company confidential." Confidential portions of otherwise non-confidential documents should be clearly identified and may be submitted separately to facilitate identification and handling by the EPA. If you make such a claim, the information covered by that claim will be disclosed by the EPA only to the extent, and by means of the procedures, set forth in subpart B of 40 CFR Part 2. If no such claim accompanies the information when it is received by the EPA, it may be made available to the public by the EPA without further notice to you. The requirements of 40 CFR Part 2 regarding business confidentiality claims were published in the Federal Register on September 1, 1976, and were amended September 8, 1976, and December 18, 1985.
6. Personal Privacy Information. Personnel and medical files, and similar files the disclosure of which to the general public may constitute an invasion of privacy should be segregated from your responses, included on separate sheet(s), and marked as "Personal Privacy Information."

7. Objections to questions. If you have objections to some or all the questions within the Information Request Letter, you are still required to respond to each of the questions.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply to the following words as they appear in this enclosure:

1. The terms "and" and "or" shall be construed either disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of this Information Request any information which might otherwise be construed to be outside its scope.
2. The term "any", as in "any documents" for example, shall mean "any and all."
3. The term "arrangement" means every separate contract or other agreement between two or more persons.
4. The terms "document(s)" and "documentation" shall mean any object that records, stores, or presents information, and includes writings of any kind, formal or informal, whether or not wholly or partially in handwriting, including by way of illustration and not by way of limitation, any invoice, manifest, bill of lading, receipt, endorsement, check, bank draft, canceled check, deposit slip, withdrawal slip, order, correspondence, record book, minutes, memorandum of telephone and other conversations including meetings, agreements and the like, diary, calendar, desk pad, scrapbook, notebook, bulletin, circular, form, pamphlet, statement, journal, postcard, letter, telegram, telex, telecopy, telefax, report, notice, message, analysis, comparison, graph, chart, map, interoffice or intra office communications, photostat or other copy of any documents, microfilm or other film record, any photograph, sound recording on any type of device, any punch card, disc pack; any tape or other type of memory generally associated with computers and data processing (together with the programming instructions and other written material necessary to use such punch card, disc, or disc pack, tape or other type of memory and together with the printouts of such punch card, disc, or disc pack, tape or other type of memory); and (a) every copy of each document which is not an exact duplicate of a document which is produced, (b) every copy which has any writing, figure or notation, annotation or the like on it, (c) drafts, (d) attachments to or enclosures with any document and (e) every document referred to in any other document.
5. The term "hazardous material" shall mean any hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, and hazardous wastes, as defined below.
6. The term "hazardous substance" shall have the same definition as that contained in Subsection 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14), and includes any mixtures of such hazardous substances with any other substances.
7. The term "hazardous waste" shall have the same definition as that contained in Section 1004(5) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6903(5), and 40 CFR Part 261.
8. The term "identify" means, with respect to a natural person, to set forth the person's name, present or last known business and personal addresses, email address(es), and telephone numbers, and present or last known job title, position or business. Also provide e-mail addresses.

9. The term "identify" means, with respect to a corporation, partnership, business trust or other association or business entity (including, but not limited to, a sole proprietorship), to set forth its full name, address, and legal form (e.g. corporation [including state of incorporation], partnership, etc.), organization, if any, a brief description of its business, and to indicate whether or not it is still in existence and, if it is no longer in existence, to explain how its existence was terminated and to indicate the date on which it ceased to exist. Also provide e-mail addresses.
10. The term "identify" means, with respect to a document, to provide the type of document, to provide its customary business description, its date, its number, if any (invoice or purchase order number), subject matter, the identity of the author, addressor, addressee and/or recipient, and the present location of such document.
11. The term "material(s)" shall mean any and all objects, goods, substances, or matter of any kind including, but not limited to, wastes or hazardous wastes.
12. The term "operator" shall mean those persons who operates or operated the facility (i.e., the SBA Shipyard Superfund Site) during the time when the hazardous substances were disposed.
13. The term "owner" shall mean those persons who now own or owned the facility (i.e., the SBA Shipyard Superfund Site).
14. The term "person" shall have the same definition as in Section 101(21) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(21).
15. The terms "pollutant" or "contaminant," shall have the same definition as that contained in Section 101(33) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(33), and includes any mixtures of such pollutants and contaminants with any other substances. The term shall include, but not be limited to, any element, substance, compound, or mixture. The term shall also include disease-causing agents which after release into the environment will or may reasonably be anticipated to cause death, disease, behavioral abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutation, physiological malfunctions (including malfunction in reproduction), or physical deformations.
16. The term "release" has the same definition as that contained in Section 101(22) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(22), and includes any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing into the environment, including the abandonment or discharging of barrels, containers, and other closed receptacles containing any hazardous substance or pollutant or contaminant.
17. The term "Site" or "Facility" shall mean and include the SBA Shipyard Superfund Site located on the west bank of the Mermentau River at the end of Louisiana Highway 3166 approximately four miles southeast of Jennings, Louisiana and approximately two miles southwest of the Mermentau River. SBA is situated on approximately 98 acres of land located in a rural-industrial area, at 9040 Castex Landing Road, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. The facility is within Section 19 of Range 2W, Township 10S. The facility was used to construct, repair and clean out barges and other marine vessel during the mid-1960's to the early 1990's.

18. The term “solid waste” shall have the same definition as that contained in Section 1004(27) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6903(27), and 40 CFR Part 261.
19. The term “you” or “your” or "Respondent" or "you" shall mean the addressee of this Request, including the addressee's officers, managers, employees, contractors, tastes, partner, successors and agents.
20. Words in the masculine shall be construed in the feminine, and vice versa, and words in the singular shall be construed in the plural, and vice versa, where appropriate in the context of a particular question or questions as necessary to bring within the scope of this Information Request any information which might otherwise be construed to be outside its scope.
21. All terms not defined herein shall have their ordinary meaning, unless such terms are defined in CERCLA, RCRA, 40 CFR Part 300 or 40 CFR Parts 260-280, in which case the statutory or regulatory definitions shall apply.
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ENCLOSURE 3
SBA SHIPYARD SUPERFUND SITE
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INFORMATION REQUEST

QUESTIONS

Section 1

1. Have you in any way been involved with the Site?
 - a. If so, please describe your involvement with the Site.
2. Provide copies of documents related to any involvement identified in question 1(a) above.
5. If you have had any involvement with the Site, please provide responses to the questions below.

Section 2

6. Please identify any dealings or transactions you have or had with SBA Shipyards, Inc., Louis Smailhall, Suzanne Smailhall, LEEVAC Shipyards, Inc., n/k/a Bunge Street Properties, LLC, and LEEVAC Industries, LLC n/k/a LEEVAC Shipyards Jennings, LLC. Please provide a brief description of the nature of those dealings or transactions and the timeframes during which those dealings and transactions occurred.
 - a. Specifically, provide date(s) that your barge(s) were sent and/or removed from the Site, the type of product and/or material your barges brought to the Site, the name and contact information of the person who made such arrangements.
7. Please provide any and all documents in your possession that are related to the dealings and transactions detailed in Question 6 above.
8. If any of the dealings or transactions described involve hazardous materials, please include a detailed listing of such materials, the materials data safety sheet, dates of transaction, and any quantity associated with those materials.
9. Please describe in detail any involvement you had with the 2002 RCRA Interim Measures/Removal Action (IM/RA) at the Site. Please provide any and all documents in your possession related to the IM/RA, including, but not limited to, a listing of the parties involved in the IM/RA.
10. Please provide the names, title, and contact information of anyone, including, but not limited to, employees, who may possess knowledge and information regarding this Site and/or your own business operations.
11. Identify all of the individuals who currently have and those who have had responsibility for the Respondent's environmental matters (e.g., responsibility for the disposal, treatment, storage, recycling, or sale of the Respondent's wastes). This information shall include, but not be limited

to, the following:

- a. Each individual's job title and duties (including the dates performing those duties),
 - b. The supervisors for such duties,
 - c. The current position or the date of the individual's resignation,
 - d. The nature of the information possessed by such individuals concerning the Respondent's waste management, and
 - e. The contact information of the individual.
12. Does the Respondent's company or business have a permit(s) issued under RCRA? If so, provide a copy(ies) of the permit(s).
13. Provide all RCRA Identification Numbers issued to Respondent by EPA or a state for Respondent's operations.
14. Does the Respondent's company or business have, or has it ever had, a permit(s) under the hazardous waste laws of the State? If so, provide a copy(ies) of the permit(s).
15. Does the Respondent's company or business have an EPA Identification Number, or an identification number supplied by the State? If so, supply any such identification number(s).
15. Identify all federal, state, and local offices and agencies to which the Respondent has sent or filed hazardous substance or hazardous waste information and state the years during which such information was sent or filed.
16. Provide copies of all documents created or kept by the Respondent related to the nature, quantity, or source of the materials taken to the Site.

17. If barges were placed or disposed at the Site, provide the following information:
 - a. Where they were placed or disposed, and
 - b. Their condition when placed or disposed.
18. Identify other individuals and entities that the Respondent has reason to believe may have taken or sent materials to the Site. Of these individuals and entities, specify which were observed by the Respondent at the Site and indicate when those observations were made. Provide all of the information known by the Respondent regarding the customers of these entities or individuals.

GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING RESPONDENT

1. Provide the full legal name and mailing address of the Respondent.
2. Identify and provide the full name, title, business address, and business telephone number for each person answering these questions on behalf of the Respondent, and each person(s) that was relied on or consulted with in the preparation of the answer.
3. If Respondent wishes to designate an individual for all future correspondence concerning this Site, including legal notices, please provide the individual's name, address, and telephone number.
4. If Respondent is a business, please give a brief description of the nature of the business.

REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

Please identify (see Definitions) and provide copies of all documents (see Definitions) consulted, examined, or referred to in the preparation of the answers to the above questions including all subparts of each question, or that contain information responsive to the question.